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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Stephen W. SCHERER et al.  
Title: LAFORA'S DISEASE GENE  
Application No.: 09/744,072  
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Examiner: Unassigned  
Art Unit: Unassigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box CPA  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 2, delete the sixth paragraph after the title "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS", and replace this paragraph with the following in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. A marked up version showing changes is attached:

Figure 4A is the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 3) and predicted amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 4) of EPM2A (incomplete).

On page 2, delete the seventh paragraph after the title "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS", and replace this paragraph with the following in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. A marked up version showing changes is attached:

Figure 4B is an amino acid sequence of the carboxy terminus of transcript A (SEQ ID NO: 25) compared to transcript B (SEQ ID NO: 26).